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Chairman Ruth Y. Goldway Postal Regulatory Commission 901 New York Avenue, NW, Suite 200 Washington, DC 20268-0001

Dear Chairman Goldway,

I am writing to express my support for the appeal (A2011-85) filed by Sandra Pernal, and Ray and Dru McNeil concerning the final determination of closure by the United States Postal Service (USPS) of the North Canton Post Office.

Throughout the public comment period, residents of North Canton addressed the intrinsic value and importance of this post office to the community. This post office serves as a community anchor for the small village of North Canton.

I understand the financial situation faced by United States Postal Service, and am willing and able to work with the Postal Regulatory Commission and the USPS to address this problem. Many of my colleagues and I have been advocating for the return of overpayments the Postal Service made into the Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS) and the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS). This fair and commonsense action would put USPS back on the road to success, and would mitigate the need for massive post office closures as has recently been proposed. I urge you to give Congress the chance to act before prematurely closing down this post office which is so important to the community.

Closing profitable and viable post office locations in North Canton or in any community in Connecticut ultimately does a disservice to the residents and communities affected by these actions.

I request that the Commission make every possible effort to maintain a post office in North Canton. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Every best wish,

Christopher S. Murphy